

BREINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Counterfeit \$20 bills were found in Troy recently. The Troy police put out warnings for people to be on the lookout for those bills with the serial number E16433874D and/or A28387032C. It seems the first person to suspect something was wrong was an employee at a supermarket. She realized something was wrong because she had two \$20 bills with the same serial number and reported it to the Troy police. Sure enough, she had two counterfeits. A total of four of the bills showed up in a short time and three of them had the same serial number (which isn't correct with real money). Police suspect the same person (or group) passed all the rather good copies of the \$20's and others in the area may have been victims. Please don't bring one of them into our office ... we can't afford to donate \$20 to you or the U.S. Treasury Department.

Alabama Attorney General Jeff Sessions has not said he will or will not be a candidate for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Howell Heflin. That has not stopped a Mobile wambler from flooding the fax machines of the media with negative statements about Mr. Sessions. Hardly a day goes by (weekends included) without at least one (sometimes more) of the "jet sessions" pieces coming over the fax line. Right now we have no idea what this fellow stands for, but he is giving Sessions a lot of free publicity. So much in fact, it would not be out of line for the Attorney General to send him a check for all the publicity he has received because of the campaign.

There is a lot of news media hype being given to the federal flat tax proposal being actively studied by a commission set up by Republican congressional leaders. Definite advantages can be found with such a system ... not the least being the drastic drop in dollars paid to accountants to figure taxes owed. However, the down side also has some glaring reasons to oppose it. We don't know the end results on who they have depended on deducting huge home mortgage interest payments, etc., but there will be an impact. Americans can expect anyone who is opposing the flat tax plan to exploit the unfair advantages to the nasty of rich folks, mean of big business and others who they have determined will benefit the most from the new plan. If this thing is ever to fly, there must be some measure to insure everyone making money pays something. Otherwise someone who only has investment income could possibly make millions every year without paying a single dollar of tax while the person raising several children and struggling to live off weekly wages and at the same time pay off college loans, home mortgages and keep the old car running would pay 17% income tax with NO deductions. We selfishly hope any change would help us personally, but vividly remember those days of raising children and the never ending flow of expenses entailed with that responsibility. Those folks now raising children get our deepest respect and concern. The chances of this proposal passing are still remote, but if it becomes a reality, hopefully Senator Richard Shelby's prediction of reduced interest costs and "unprecedented economic growth" will accompany the flat tax.

We close with a note about Jake Bonneau. Jake was 76 years old when he died last Wednesday in Dothan. Elba Clipper readers know him from his writings of "Remembering With Jake," historical pieces. He went to the hospital for a hip replacement. Jake was confident of coming back, as he was replacing an artificial hip joint he had already worn out once. Problems arose when he couldn't get back to walking. Then he had to have gall bladder surgery followed by another hip surgery. The combination was apparently more than his heart could handle. Jake Bonneau will be missed in Elba.

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ELBA POLICE REPORT

JAN. 9, 1996 Thru JAN. 15, 1996

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, January 9, 1995, investigated the following incidents: one harassing communication, one burglary, one reckless endangerment, one unlawful possession of marijuana, and one no business license.

Arrests made during the week were as follows: two for burglary and one for unlawful possession of marijuana.

The following traffic citations were issued during the week: one for switched tag, one for driving while driver's license is suspended, three for speeding, one for parking in no parking zone, and one for illegally parking in handicapped parking.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9 - River stage - 8.73 feet (6:38 a.m.); Wreck reported at the intersection of AL 203 and U.S. Hwy. 84W (7:51 a.m.); Minor wreck at Post Office (9:12 a.m.); Rescue run to a wreck on U.S. Hwy. 87N (9:56 a.m.); Possible fire at Mosely's Studio on Claxton (1:11 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10 - River stage - 7.39 feet (6:27 a.m.); Wreck at the intersection of E. Davis St. and Reese Ave. (7:37 a.m.); Rescue run to a wreck on Co. Rd. 208 just off AL Hwy. 87N (11:29 a.m.); Rescue run to Morrow Village (11:08 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Larkin Road (3:29 p.m.).

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11 - River stage - 7.04 feet (6:15 a.m.);

Burglary in progress at a residence at the intersection of Jones and Jackson streets (2:40 p.m.); Report of a possible wreck at the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 84E and Co. Rd. 501 (7:02 p.m.); Report of a possible wreck on the Brantley Hwy. (AL Hwy. 189N) (7:10 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Brunson Circle (10:02 p.m.).

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12 - River stage - 8.73 feet (6:14 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Sloumerville St. (1:15 p.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Forest Hill Rd. (3:24 p.m.); Rescue run to Regency Apts. (8:22 p.m.).

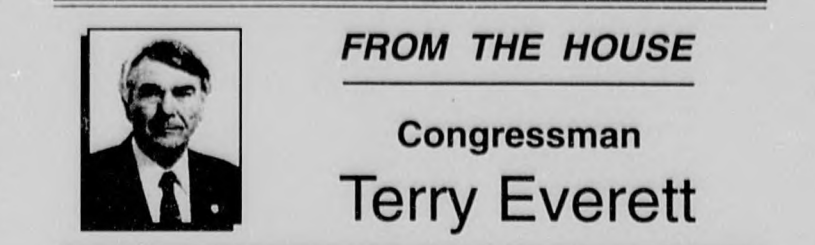
SATURDAY, JANUARY 13 - River stage - 7.95 feet (6:35 a.m.); Routine activity.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14 - River stage - 6.65 feet (6:11 a.m.); Disturbance reported at a residence on Reese Ave. (10:16 a.m.); Possible prowler reported on Smith Ave. (4:41 p.m.); Alarm at a residence on Morrow St. (7:21 p.m.); Possible prowler reported on Larkin Road (11:50 p.m.).

MONDAY, JANUARY 15 - River stage - 6.45 feet (6:25 a.m.); Rescue run to Kleinert's (10:13 a.m.); Alarm at SouthTrust Bank (11:29 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on West St. (11:42 a.m.); Burglary reported in progress at Farmer's Bail Shop (7:59 p.m.); Report of a prowler on Claxton Ave. (1:23 p.m.).



GIVING TO A GOOD CAUSE... in the spirit of community involvement, Aabon made a cash donation to the Elba Police Department. Police Chief Bruce Peacock stated that the money will be used to purchase a Home Health Alarm Unit. The units cost \$99.95 each. This unit will be given to an Elba senior citizen to be used to summon help should they need assistance or in case of an emergency. Chief Peacock states that the unit can be programmed to call four phone numbers, of the person's choosing, in sequence should they need help, or it can be programmed to call the police department on one or all of its incoming lines. Shown presenting the check to Chief Peacock is Jessie Watson, manager of Aabon's Store in Elba. Chief Peacock stated that several more units are needed at this time, and anyone wishing to donate funds to purchase these units can contact the police department at 897-2555.



FROM THE HOUSE
Congressman
Terry Everett

President Clinton Prefers 'Welfare as We Know It'

Last week, President Clinton vetoed the much-needed welfare reform bill which was passed late last year by both the House and Senate.

During his campaign for president, candidate Clinton promised to "end welfare as we know it." Evidently, his way of "ending welfare as we know it" is to place more people on it.

The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act of 1995 (HR 4) is part of the Republican Contract with America. It reforms the uncaring welfare bureaucracy that abuses the poor, hurts children and destroys families. The welfare reform bill passed by Congress offers compassionate alternatives to welfare which transfer needed assistance programs from the federal level down to the states and local communities.

Restores the Dignity of Work - Today, fewer than seven percent of Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) recipients work, even though work offers the best opportunity for long-term prosperity. The Personal Responsibility Act calls for tough work requirements, requiring 15 percent of welfare recipients to be working in 1996, with that requirement increasing to 50 percent by 2002. Individuals who do not engage in required work will have their benefits reduced.

Breaks the Cycle of Dependency - The Congressional welfare reform plan ends the 60-year status of welfare as a cash entitlement. With the exception of welfare beneficiaries who have children under age one, AFDC recipients cannot collect welfare for more than two years without working. With few exceptions, no one can collect cash welfare for more than five years.

Combating Illegitimacy - The welfare reform bill prohibits

additional cash welfare benefits for those who have more children while on welfare, allows states to deny cash welfare to unwed teenagers until they reach age 18, allows states to reduce cash benefits if paternity is not established, provides states with additional bonus funding if they reduce out-of-wedlock births without increasing the overall number of abortions, and provides \$75 million per year in new block grant assistance for abstinence education.

Empowers State and Local Officials - The welfare reform bill empowers local officials by ending the entitlement status of numerous welfare programs, block granting them, and turning these programs over to the states for implementation. State and local officials - not Washington bureaucrats - will have more control over family support payments, child care, child protection, and nutrition programs.

Eliminates Fraud and Abuse and Cracks Down on Dead-Beat Dads - By reforming SSI and Food Stamps, and prohibiting welfare to non-citizens, the welfare reform plan makes a dramatic effort to curtail fraud and abuse. To crack down on dead-beat dads, our bill gives states the authority to suspend driver's, professional, occupational, and recreational licenses of anyone whose child support payments are in arrears.

The battle to reform the broken welfare system is not merely an effort to wrest power from liberal Washington bureaucrats, but is a workable plan to rescue Americans from a cycle of crippling federal dependence and ultimately, from a life of poverty.

To not address welfare reform is to ignore the plight of millions of trapped Americans. Congress has passed such a plan. Where is the president's?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

As a parent of a member of the Troy State University Symphony Band, I want to encourage everyone in our area to attend their performance next Tuesday evening in Elba. This performance will be nothing less than "outstanding".

Dr. Johnny Long, the famous director of the Troy State "Sound of the South", is retiring after thirty, very successful years. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for some to see him in action.

Shelley Long played the trumpet at First Baptist here in Elba last Easter. She will be singing, along with Dr. Phil Kelley, some country favorites, as well as playing her trumpet with the band. This is entertainment at its best!

Art Williams will be singing in a quartet that Dr. Long likes to feature. He also will play the French horn and direct a number on stage. Elba people will be proud to see one of their own performing.

There are many other things planned that will provide a wonderful evening of entertainment. The performance begins at 7:30, Tuesday, January 23, in the Elba High School auditorium. It is FREE!

Dr. Long asked, "Do you think we could have 400?" I think we can, don't you?

Hope to see you there.
Glenda and Douglas Williams

Dear Elba Clipper:

My name is Trista L. Seacat. I am the reporter for Mrs. Jones' fifth grade 4-H Club. In 4-H we have a lot of cool things to do. 4-H is fun and helpful, so be a part of it.

Sincerely,
Trista Seacat, reporter

Open Letter to the Citizens of Elba:

The people of the City of Elba were alarmed recently by misrepresentation of the conditions of our levee. Repairs were made to the levee after a 12-20-94 purchase of \$2,740 for flap valve gates. My department made the necessary repairs and the flap valve gates are in very good condition.

On July 19, 1995, James Richards and the Corps of Engineers inspected the levee. The engineers stated, "The levee is in the best shape we've ever seen it."

The invoice for the purchase is on file at City Hall and is public record. I am truly sorry for any alarm caused our citizens by this blatant misrepresentation.

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AREA DEATHS

HOWARD LAMAR MADDOX

Howard Lamar Maddox, age 70 of Elba, Alabama, died Sunday, January 14, 1996 at his home.

Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m., Monday, January 15, 1996 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Min. Richard Hayes officiating.

Burial followed in the New Brockton City Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his mother, Cordie Elvira Roberts of New Brockton, AL; a son, Richard L. Maddox of Gainesville, Florida; a daughter, Dianne Allen of Alamonte Springs, Florida; five brothers, Wayne Roberts of Enterprise, AL; Bobby Roberts, Billy Roberts, and Jimmy Roberts, all of New Brockton, AL; and Fred Roberts of Sacramento, California; three grandchildren.

HENRY NELMA SMITH

Henry Nelma Smith, age 76 of Elba, Alabama, died Tuesday, January 9, 1996 at his home.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, January 11, 1996 from Whitewater Baptist Church with Rev. Danny Maddox officiating.

Burial followed in the church cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife, Myra Evelyn Smith of Elba, AL; two daughters, Nelma Coleman and Myrna Cotton, both of Elba, AL; two sons, James Murray Johns of Orlando, Florida and Norman E. Johns of Enterprise, AL; two sisters, Venellie Corbett of Smith, AL and Bessie Dell Ward of Elba, AL; four brothers, Curtis Smith, Hugo Smith, and Arthur D. Smith, all of Elba, AL; and Walter Smith of Bay Minette, AL; 8 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren.

LELA CAULEY BROOKS

Lela Cauley Brooks, age 90 of Elba, Alabama, died Tuesday, January 9, 1996 at her home.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Thursday, January 11, 1996 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Billy R. Kilcrease and Rev. Campbell Sasser officiating.

Burial followed in the New Home Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his daughter, Christine Leonard of Opp, AL; four sons, Collis Brooks of Elba, AL; Jessi Rowe Brooks of Union Springs, AL; Grover Brooks of Enterprise, AL; and James M. Brooks of Birmingham, AL; 21 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren.

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Elba Chamber Of Commerce Banquet planned for February 3rd

The Elba Chamber of Commerce Banquet will be held Saturday, February 3, 1996 at 6:00 p.m. in the Elba High School Cafeteria. The speaker will be Brian Payne of Big Oak Ranch of Gadsden, AL, formerly of Elba. The entertainment will be provided by the ESIC Entertainers. Tickets may be purchased from any board member, or at the Chamber Office, Elba City Hall, 200 Buford Street, Elba, AL, or by calling (334) 897-3125. The cost is \$15.00.

Area students receive Scholastic honors at University of South AL

University of South Alabama president, Dr. Frederick P. Whiddon, announced the following local students received scholastic honors during the 1995 fall quarter.

Cary McLeod Clark of Elba was named as a President's Scholar. In order to obtain this honor, the student must maintain a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

Tina Camille Thomas of New Brockton was named to the Dean's List. In order to obtain this honor, the student must maintain a 3.5 or above grade point average.

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SOCIAL & COMMUNITY NEWS

Shea Eagerton to participate in 1996 Alabama Junior Miss Contest



Shea Eagerton, 1996 Coffee County Junior Miss

Bob DeVaughan speaks to Azalea Garden Club recently

The Azalea Garden Club met January 10 at Ella's Tea Room with eleven members present. Treva Driscoll introduced Mr. Bob DeVaughan of the Coffee County Forestry Division. Mr. DeVaughan gave a very interesting and enjoy-

able program regarding the duties and activities of the forestry commission.

Ruth Inman, president, presided over the business meeting where several items were discussed and voted on.

New Seasons Study Club holds December meeting at The First Baptist Church

The New Seasons Study Club met on Tuesday, December 19, 1995 at the First Baptist Church with Jane Brunson and Lisa Johnson as hostesses. A delicious dessert plate was served and business conducted.

After the business session, members wrapped Christmas gifts for five foster children. Members present were: Jenny Allen, Lynn Baker, Jane Brunson, Jennifer Brunson, Rhonda Brunson, Stephanie Brunson, Mary Cash, Sarah Corder, Debbie Curran, Carol Jackson, Lisa Johnson, Jana Kelley, Sabrina Kelley, Betty Lawford, Melissa McCormick, Valerie McGuire,

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ELBA REUNION IN EUFRATA...Dr. and Mrs. E.M. Warr of Elba recently visited Dr. Linda C. Young (on left), an Elba native who is now president of Sparks State Technical College in Eufrata, Dr. and Mrs. Warr were on the Sparks College campus to tour the Bevil Center for Advanced Electronics Technology, a state-of-the-art training center that opened last year.

The Panhandle Philatelic Society to host "Stampfest 1"

The Panhandle Philatelic Society will host "Stampfest 1" the first of four stamp shows in 1996 on January 27. The show will be held at the

Knights of Columbus Hall, Carol Street, Fort Walton Beach. Show hours will be 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission and parking are free.

Mrs. Stephens speaks to Twentieth Century Study Club

The Twentieth Century Study Club met January 11, 1996 in the Social Hall of the First Baptist Church with Mrs. Elaine Thompson and Mrs. Grace Taylor as co-hostesses.

Mrs. Carolyn Brunson, president, called the meeting to order and led the group in reading the Club's Collect. The roll was called and minutes of the last meeting were read and

approved.

Mrs. Grace Taylor, program chairman, introduced Mrs. Martha Frances Stephens who gave a most informative program on traveling outside the United States. She kept the members entertained as she told of customs and oddities from each country.

The hostesses served cake and hot wassail to fourteen members.

Sutley's 4-H Club holds January Meeting

By Ayonna Brown, reporter
Mrs. Sutley's 4-H club class held its January 4-H meeting on Thursday, January 4. The president, Anna Miller, called the meeting to order.

Johnathan Johnson and Jessica Griggs led the class in singing "Rocky Top." The devotion was given by Macon Hodge. Ashley Smith led the class in repeating the Pledge

of Allegiance to the American Flag and the 4-H Club Pledge. Mr. Tabb instructed the class on Record Keeping. Craft items were displayed by club members. The meeting was adjourned by Anna Miller, president.

The next 4-H club meeting of the Zion Chapel 4th grade class will be held on February 1.

Coffee County Arts Alliance to present Chanticleer January 26th in Enterprise

A singing group named for a rooster promises surprises. Expect plenty when Chanticleer sings at the Enterprise High School Auditorium on January 26th.

Chanticleer, the only full-time classical vocal ensemble in the U.S., has developed a remarkable reputation over its 18-year history for its interpretation of vocal literature, from Renaissance to jazz, and from gospel to venture some new music.

With its seamless blend of solo voices ranging from countertenor to bass, Chanticleer has earned international renown as "an orchestra of voices."

Organized in San Francisco by Louis Botta, a musicologist who decided it was time to get out of the library, the group has expanded their popular Bay Area performance series to become the nation's only full-time professional a cappella chorus. Currently, Chanticleer sings concerts around the globe and has worldwide distribution of five CDs on the Teldec Classics label.

The great choral conductor Robert Shaw gave the group an early boost when he called a performance "one of the most beautiful musical experiences of my life."

The ensemble is named after the "clear-singing" rooster in Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales*, and Chanticleer projects a purity and clarity of voice that would do 16th century composer Palestrina proud. Performing without instrumental accompaniment, Chanticleer includes five countertenors who sing the soprano and alto parts. Make it simple, they demanded; make it lovely and, above all, keep it pure. The undorned vocal quality projected by Chanticleer follows these suggestions to a T.

Chanticleer - Enterprise High School Auditorium; Friday, January 26th; 7:30 p.m.; Advance tickets \$14, students \$10; Ticket Outlets: Westgate Book and Gift (347-4422), Plain 'N' Fancy (347-4438), and The Framery (347-7800) Enterprise, The Jewel Box (897-2296), Elba, and ITT Office, Ft. Rucker. The concert is presented by the Coffee County Arts Alliance.

The Coffee County Arts Alliance's next performance will be March 30th when The State Theatre of Georgia on Tour brings *Blue Plane Special* to the Elba High School Auditorium. This "southern comedy soap opera" includes mystery and original country, blues, rockabilly, and gospel tunes.

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Dr. Wes Weekley to be guest speaker at First Assembly in Enterprise

Dr. Wes Weekley, an Assembly of God Missionary Evangelist, will be guest speaker at the First Assembly of God across from Wal-Mart on Sunday, January 21, at 10:35 a.m. A nursery will be provided. For more information contact the church office at 347-8447. The public is invited to attend.

Mission Retreat planned at Camp Victory Feb. 2-4

A Missions Retreat for students and singles at Camp Victory will be held February 2-4, 1996. The retreat begins with supper on Friday night at 7:00 and ends after breakfast on Sunday at 8:00 a.m. To register please call Camp Victory at (334) 898-7948. The cost will be \$20.00.

Card Of Thanks

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???Question Corner???

by Jill Martin, Wyndi Baker, & Emily Crowe

This week's question was, "If you could be any cartoon character, which one would you be and why?" These are the responses:

Shannon Lott, Pink Power Ranger. Because she helps people.

Andrea Carley, Little Red Riding Hood. So I could kill the wolf.

Sterling Jones, Coyote. So I could catch that Roadrunner.

Carla Gray, Angelica. She's the boss of the other children.

Nyoma Coleman, Taz Devil. He causes chaos.

Denise Burks, Wonder Woman. I wonder all the time.

Melissa Benbow, Aladdin. I'd wish myself out of Elba.

Anna Head, Little Mermaid. Because I want to.

Jill Martin, Jerry (mouse). Because he always finds a way out of trouble.

Lera Smiley, Bugs Bunny. Cause he's the man!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

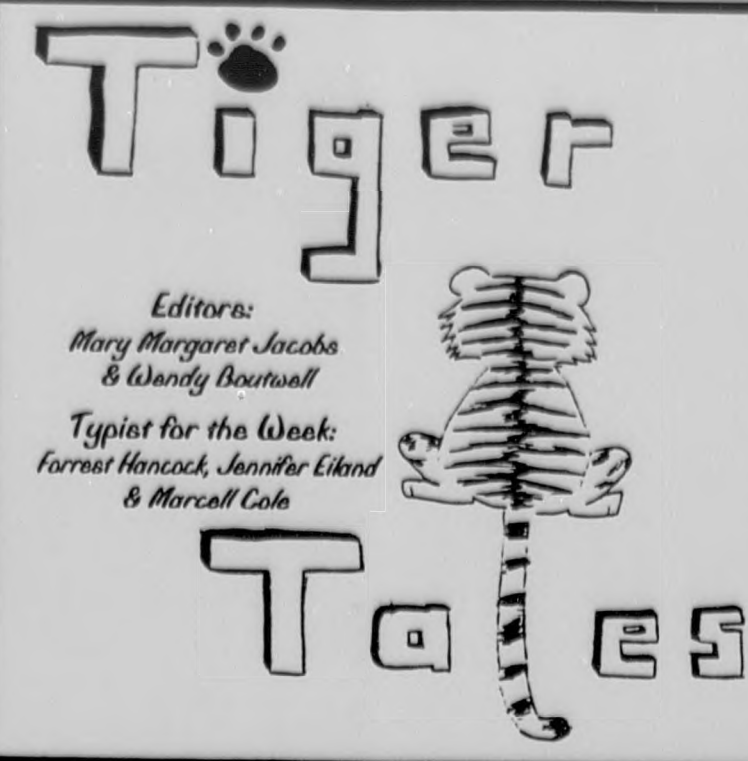


Pictured above (l to r) Desmond Flowers, Jarrel Smiley, and Sham Grantham. **Mark Wilson** is the son of Denise Brooks. His hobby is playing basketball, and his greatest accomplishment was getting a job. **Sham Grantham** is the son of Kathy Grantham. His hobby is fishing. **Desmond Flowers** is the son of Earl and Tina Flowers. He attends New Philadelphia C.O.G.I.C. and he is a member of FFA and VICA. His hobby is fishing. **Jarrel Smiley** is the son of Joyce and Marion Jones. He attends Rocky Head Baptist Church, and he is a member of VICA. His hobbies include playing football, baseball, and basketball. The things he likes most about EHS are the girls.

Elba City Schools Menu

January 22-26, 1996

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Toast & Jelly or Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Monday - Chicken Filet on Bun, Potato Tots, Green Beans, Peach Half, Milk.
Tuesday - Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Tuesday - Taco Salad, Shredded Cheese, Shredded Lettuce, Corn, Apple, Milk.
Wednesday - Sausage & Biscuit or Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Wednesday - Chili Dog, French Fries, Buttered Carrots, Fruit, Milk.
Thursday - Pancakes w/Syrup or Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Thursday - Barbecue, Rice, Slaw, Orange Slice, Milk.
Friday - Eggs & Toast or Cereal, Juice, Milk.	Friday - Pizza, Broccoli w/Cheese, Corn, Peach Half, Milk.



A Day In The Life Of Our Principal

by Destiny Brown

Mr. David Stokes, a graduate of Elba High School and our new principal, was asked to describe an "average" day on the job. He began by saying, "There is no average day as a high school principal. Each day brings me new challenges and rewards. The following are only a few of the many things that keep Mr. Stokes busy. He arrives at school around 7:00 in the morning before any students. He then checks the heating and cooling and also checks behind the maintenance crew to make sure everything is in order. Mr. Stokes sometimes has teachers conferences and has to answer many calls from parents. Finally, he walks in the halls to greet the incoming students. The school day has now officially begun. Mr. Stokes then has many responsibilities to take care of. He goes over teacher lesson plans and makes parent contacts. Financial paper-work is also very important and time consuming. This includes athletic, band and club finances as well as teachers supplies. Mr. Stokes has to supervise recess and lunch. He also plans faculty meetings and works on organizing the calendar of operations.

An education is something that can't be taken away from you! GO FOR IT!!!

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Pictured above are (front row, l to r): Angel Brunson and LaSandra Flowers; (back row, l to r) Ashley Boutwell and Curtis Kelley.

Ashley Boutwell is the son of Tim Boutwell and Felicia Boutwell. He enjoys playing sports and listening to music. Ashley attends Pine Grove Baptist near Samson, Alabama is his favorite college team. After graduation, Ashley plans to attend Troy State University. The announcement was made by Troy State Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr.

Angel Brunson is the daughter of Pennie Engram and Eddie Engram. She is a member of FBLA and the New Philadelphia Church. Angel enjoys talking on the phone and dancing. Alabama is her favorite college team. After high school, Angel plans to attend college. Her goal for the year is to stay out of trouble.

LaSandra Flowers is the daughter of Tiny and Sorel Flowers. She is a member of FBLA and the New Philadelphia Church of God in Christ. Sandra enjoys playing the keyboard and talking on the phone, and Florida A&M is her favorite college team. After high school, Sandra plans to attend college and get a good job. Her goal for the year is to stay out of trouble with Mr. Grimes and the office.

Curtis Kelley is the son of Ernestine Kelley. He is a member of VICA, SADD, and Rocky Head Missionary Baptist Church. Curtis enjoys working out and jogging, and Florida State is his favorite college team. After high school, Curtis plans to attend college and pursue a good career. His goal for the year is to make good grades and to graduate.

Birds Of All Seasons

All That Jazz...

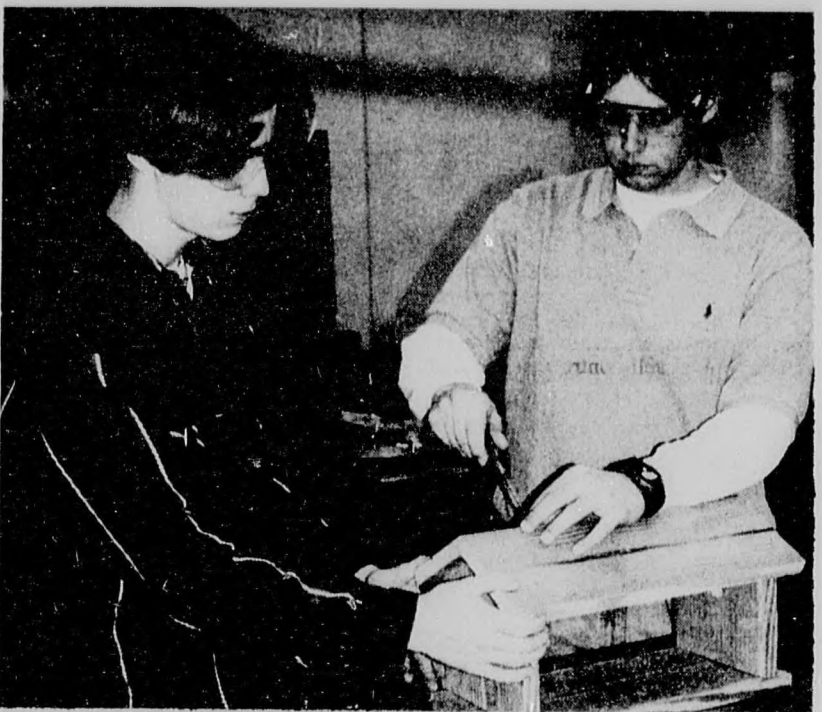
by Mary M. Jacobs

The Elba Band program has started something new this year. In addition to the marching and concert bands, Elba High has added a jazz band. It consists of approximately fifteen members. The jazz band began marching and will continue throughout the year. The jazz band has already performed at various events and will be performing at home basketball games. This addition to the band program has allowed students to experience playing a different style and has offered them yet another means of learning while having fun.

Tiger Roundball

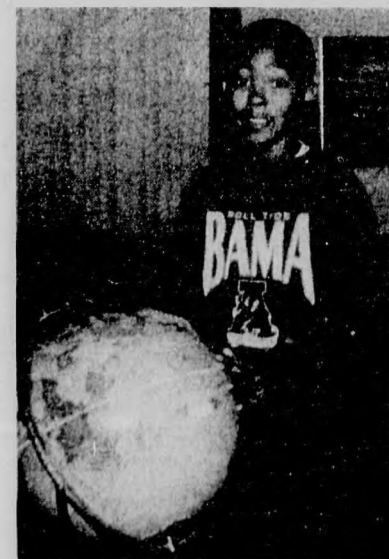
by Leray Smiley

The Elba Tigers basketball season is underway and what seemed to be a standout season has been turned around. The Tigers jumped out to an early start with wins over Opp, Ashford, and Florida. They took their first loss from Daleville and just haven't been able to find what it takes to win since the loss. The Tigers record is now at 4-5 with losses to Daleville (again), Florida, New Brockton, Ozark. The Tigers defeated Enterprise for their first win in the series. It will be area time and the Tigers will have to come together and play as one in order to defeat the Lumberjacks or Louisville Red Devils. Come out and support the Tigers.



Pictured above are Phil Schindler and Todd Grantham.

Love Wins Geography Bee



JERMAINE LOVE

Jermaine Love, a sixth grade student at Elba Elementary School, won the school-level competition of the National Geography Bee on January 9, 1996 and a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship. The school-level Bee, at which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the eight annual National Geography Bee, which is sponsored by National Geographic World and the Chrysler Corporation.

The kick-off for this year's Bee was the week of December 4, with thousands of schools around the United States, the District of Columbia, and five U.S. Territories participating. The school winners, including Jermaine, will now take a written test, up to 100 of the top scorers in each state and territory will be eligible to compete in their state Bee on March 29.

The National Geographic Society will provide an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, DC for the state champions and their teacher-escorts to participate in the National Geography Bee national championship on May 28 and 29. At nationals the first place winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship; the second place winner a \$15,000 scholarship and the third place winner a \$10,000 scholarship.

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Rush Brunson was the runner-up. Other participants were Katie Dye, Christy Eubanks, Roy Taylor, Austin Broth, Evan Maddox, Wesley Kelley, Chelsea Cooper, Kesley Tyson, Jason Curran, Carla Roberts, Kristy Ward, Kevin Tyson, Brandy Davis, Katrina Farris, Devi Kilcrease, Deann Smith, Zed Daniels, Chris Eiland, Lowayne Parks, Gavin Mauldin, Bobbie Jo York, Bart Barnes, Shawna Hill, Elizabeth Farris, Kimberly Farris, RhaShonda Flowers, Lacy Carlie, Curtis Rushing, Danae Ware, Sheema Flowers, Brandon Brenhens, Matthew Curran, Leanna Sutley, and Colby Capps.

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Bryan Awarded Full Scholarship



Susan Bryan, a senior at Zion Chapel High School, has been awarded the Chancellor's Scholarship to attend Troy State University. The announcement was made by Troy State Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr.

Character Education In County Schools

by Susan Bryan

"A Plan for Excellence: Alabama's Public Schools" was adopted by the State Board of Education in 1994 and out of that plan has evolved the adoption of a resolution on teaching character education to the students in public schools in the State of Alabama.

In addition, the State Legislature has recently passed Act #95-513 which calls for the implementation of a comprehensive character education program. The Coffee County Board of Education has fully adopted that plan for the Coffee County School System.

Character Education has long been integral to the curriculum and instruction of the classroom teachers in the Coffee County Schools. The administration and the faculty of each of the schools in Coffee County embrace the opportunity to refocus attention and time on the importance of teaching all students in the system important character traits.

The character traits that will be included in the instruction are cheerfulness, citizenship, cleanliness, compassion, cooperation, courage, courtesy, creativity, diligence, fairness, generosity, honesty, kindness, loyalty, patience, respect, perseverance, punctuality, respect for others, respect for environment, school pride, self-control, self-esteem, sportsmanship, and tolerance.

Note Required To Take Medication

by Amanda Lewis

"A student came to me with two small red pills in her hand and asked me if she could go to the water fountain and take her medicine," said a teacher. This is the kind of request that teachers get everyday, especially during the months when many students get colds. However, the policies of the Coffee County Board of Education prevent the distribution and/or taking of medicine at school unless specific guidelines are followed. These policies are stated below.

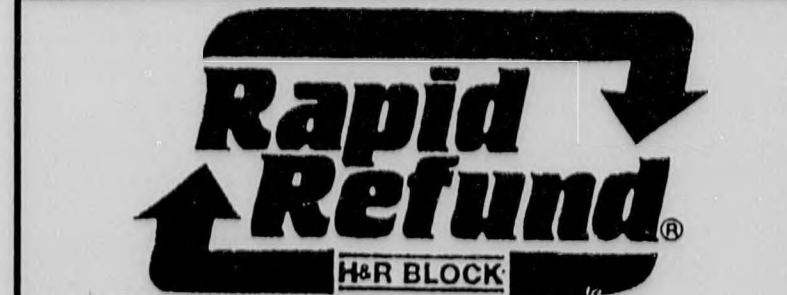
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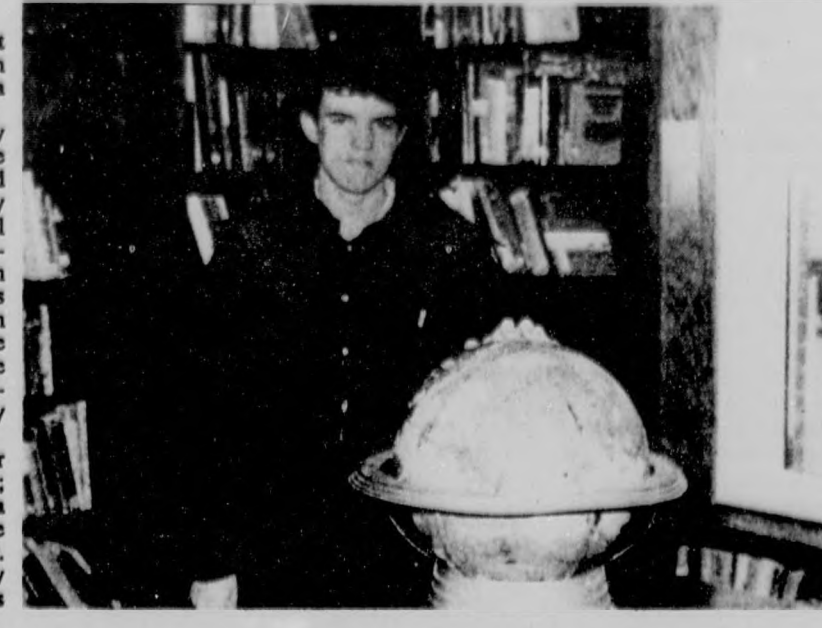
Justin Law Wins Geography Bee

by Amanda Wise

Justin Law, an eighth grade student at ZCHS, won the school-level competition of the National Geography Bee and a chance at a \$25,000 college scholarship. The school-level Bee, sponsored by National Geographic World and the Chrysler Corporation, was the first round in the eighth annual National Geography Bee. In this round students answered oral questions on geography. Next, the winners, including Justin, will take a written test in which up to 100 of the top scorers in the state will be chosen to compete in a state Bee on March 29. The state Bee winners and their teacher-escorts will be sent on an all-expense paid trip to Washington, DC for the National Geography Bee on May 28 and 29.

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Other participants in the Zion Chapel school-level competitions were Michael Rayborn, Kasey Rhodes, Brandon Arnold, Tracy Banks, Randall Brunson, Mandi Collins, Jill Bunt, Matthew McDermott, Kacy Clark, Mandy Weel, Josh Carley, and Zane Tracy. Kasey Rhodes was a finalist in the school championship round.

Seniors' Shirts Are Here



by Emily Hughes

The members of the graduating class of 1996 at Zion Chapel High School have received their senior shirts. The seniors of '96 now have one more symbol of class unity, their senior class shirts.

The shirts have white or grey backgrounds with red and black graphics on the front and back. The senior's signatures are inside the numbers nine and six. The logo on the back says, "We're the ones your mother warned you about, Class of '96."

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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mulary, Sports Editor

I went with my wife to a beauty contest Saturday night at Elba High School and after looking at the program was convinced that I knew every single girl in the program. I did know the names of the contestants; however, as the girls began coming out on stage I had to look at the program again. It is amazing what a pretty dress, some make-up and a new hairstyle will do for even a teenage girl!

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AREA TEAMS BEGINNING TO PICK UP THE PACE

The regular season is beginning to head down the homestretch and teams in the local area seem to be coming on strong at just the right time. Last week was a big week for all four area teams and here's a look back at what may have been the best week of the season...

*NEW BROCKTON (12-6) claimed three big wins last week and appear ready to head into the final weeks of the season playing their best ball of the year. The Gamecocks now have the quickness, size and depth to play against anyone on their schedule, and have to be a favorite to make it a long way in post-season play.

*KINSTON (8-6) reached the .500 mark last week with wins over Zion Chapel and G.W. Long, and showed everyone that watched the two games that the Bulldogs are ready to run. Just how far the Bulldogs have come was evident in their win over G.W. Long. Kinston lost to the 1A Rebels 55-54 in the fifth game of the season, but Friday night pounded the same team 79-42. Don't dare count these "Dogs" out!

*ZION CHAPEL (4-6) almost pulled off a big upset before falling to Kinston, then took out its frustrations against McKenzie and ripped the Tigers by twenty-points in an area clash. The Rebels showed against Kinston that their starting five can play with anyone, but their lack of depth does cause problems late in the games. If the Rebels can figure out a way to keep their starters fresh, they could still pull off some surprises.

*BRANTLEY (10-2) posted three wins during the week and Saturday night claimed a big road win over J.F. Shields to reach the 10-win mark for the season. The Bulldogs don't have the talent they have had in recent years, but the win over Shields showed that this bunch of "Dogs" can indeed play well and win against stiff competition. You can bet the Bulldogs will be around when the journey action heats up.

ELBA JUNIOR HIGH TEAMS SHINE AT TOURNAMENT

The Coffee County Junior High Tournament was held last week and both Elba teams kept some of the trophies at home as the 8th graders claimed the county championship and the 9th graders placed third. The journey climaxed a solid season by both teams, and made it clear that basketball is alive and well in Tigertown.

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CLIPPER "PREP POLL" SEES LITTLE CHANGES

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Luverne opened the game in an aggressive full-court press, and Elba either broke the press for easy baskets, or turned the ball over to allow Luverne to get easy points. Two driving lay-ups by Elba's D'Undray Peterson put the Tigers on top 4-2 with 5:51 left in the opening stanza, and the two rivals swapped the lead for much of the quarter, with Elba moving ahead 13-11 with :04 left on a short jumper by Brian Rowe.

Elba appeared ready to take command early in the second quarter and opened up a 20-14 lead with 2:40 left in the half before the play of Peterson and Rowe.

Luverne took advantage of numerous Elba turnovers to go on a 10-2 run to regain the lead at 24-22 with :28 still left in the half, and carried the slim lead in at intermission as Elba missed on two free-throws in the closing seconds. Luverne slowed down the pace offensively in the third quarter, and with Elba already in serious foul trouble, the game slowed down tremendously on both ends of the court, as the Tigers outscored Luverne 6-4 in the stanza to pull even at 28-28 after three quarters of play.

Luverne moved back on top 32-29 early in the fourth quarter, but Elba again rallied behind the play of D'Undray Peterson and Brian Rowe, and regained the lead at 39-36 with 4:25 remaining in the game.

The Tigers had the lead and appeared ready to claim the big road win, however, Elba suddenly fell apart on both ends of the court as Luverne outscored the Tigers 15-1 over the next four minutes to take a 51-40 lead, and easily held on for the 51-42 win.

Brian Rowe and D'Undray Peterson both scored 15 points, while Elba, while Mel Willis led Luverne with 16 points.

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In cross-county match-up

Kinston runs down Rebels 74-68

The Kinston Bulldogs and Zion Chapel Rebels renewed their cross-county rivalry last Tuesday night in Zion Chapel, and when the smoke finally cleared and the fans got a chance to catch their breath, it was the Bulldogs that had escaped the Rebels' trap with an exciting 74-68 win.

The win improved Kinston's record to 7-8, while Zion Chapel slipped to 3-6 with the loss.

Zion Chapel was ready to play from the opening tip and used an aggressive defense and the long range shooting of Shane Bragg to stun the Bulldogs by opening up a 14-4 lead with 3:25 left in the opening stanza.

Kinston rallied behind the play of Darrin Moody and Tim Edwards to cut the Rebel lead to 16-12 with 1:06 remaining in the quarter, but Zion Chapel refused to let the Bulldogs get any closer, and moved on top 20-14 late in the quarter on a driving lay-up by Elliot Liptrot.

Kinston inserted a new line-up into the game to open the second quarter, but the new faces made no difference to the red-hot Rebels, as Zion Chapel continued to dominate play on both ends of the court and opened up a 35-20 lead on two free-throws by Shane Bragg with 3:17 left in the half.

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Paula Maddox hired as new Home Ec. teacher

by Ashley Rogers
& Renee Ammons

The NBHS faculty and student body would like to welcome Mrs. Paula Maddox as the new Home Economics teacher for grades 8-12. Mrs. Maddox received her BS Home Economics, MAED Guidance and Counseling, and AA Guidance and Counseling degrees at Murray University in Murray, KY. She then went on to teach for a total of 11½ years. Throughout her years of teaching, she taught at Hopkinsville High School in Hopkinsville, KY; Trig County High School in Cadiz, KY; and Carroll High School in Ozark, AL.

In her spare time she enjoys sewing, cooking, horseback riding, swimming, water skiing, playing the piano, and spending time with her husband, Dale, and their five kids, Buddy, Charlie, Ben, Sarah, and Katie.

When asked what she liked best about NBHS she replied, "I like the smallness and closeness of the students and faculty."



Mrs. Paula Maddox

Part of Gamecock Pride is reborn

by Jana Padilla
& Heather Rodgers

According to sources including past students who attended New Brockton High School verified that the last recollection of a girls' basketball team at New Brockton High School was in 1924-25. In the past, the sport of basketball was dominated for the most part by males. But as we know, this sport has progressed into a girls' sport.

This year, a girls' varsity team was chosen to represent New Brockton High School. In the past, there has been a junior varsity team, but it has been several years since there has been a varsity girls' team.

"This year is going to be trying, but we're working hard to be competitive," stated Barbara Cole, girls' basketball coach.

"I believe having a girls' varsity basketball team will add to the pride we hold in our school as well as in ourselves. I look forward to having a girls' varsity team at New Brockton High School once again."

The members of the 1995-96 team are: Crystal Burrows, Erin Barr, Jessica Anderson, Lasanta Cole, Donna Spencer, Kelly Threats, Dawn Owens, Shamikia Threats, Hope Truitt, Heather Tidwell, and Jessica Truitt Nelson.

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New Brockton High School News

Bowman chosen as one of Sweet Sixteen



Cheryl Bowman

by Katrina Gamble, Ashley Rogers, & Renee Ammons

Cheryl Bowman, #32 of the New Brockton Lady Gamecocks Varsity Volleyball Team has been chosen as a recipient of the Sweet Sixteen Award. The award is presented to 16 outstanding volleyball players each year. These girls were chosen from 1A to 6A division schools. The award was given on Thursday, November 30 at ESC.

Out of 58 games, Cheryl helped lead her team to victory with 194 good serves, 53 spikes, 30 blocks, and 18 aces for an overall 243 points. The Lady Gamecocks record for the season was 12-9. In November, they traveled to Mobile to participate in the state playoffs where they ranked 5th.

Clubs to purchase new sign

by Renee Ammons, Annie Kilpatrick, & Jennifer Hornaby

As a community service project for the 95-96 school year, the NBHS Science and Beta clubs are having a sign constructed for the school. This sign is to be placed in the grassy area in front of the school.

The sign will be approximately eight feet wide with a brick foundation. A locking door will be added to prevent any theft of the letters. The sign will display school announcements. It is hoped to be completed by Spring Break.

Basketball homecoming held January 12

by Tommy Hataway

The New Brockton High School Basketball Homecoming will be held January 12, 1996 against Pleasant Home. Prior to the start of the game, there will be a Hospitality Room in honor of coaches, present and past, held in the gym. The NBHS Basketball Homecoming Queen will be crowned before the start of the varsity basketball game. All former players, cheerleaders, and coaches are invited to attend the game and will be recognized. A dance, sponsored by the NBHS Student Government Association, will be held in the auditorium immediately following the game.

by Courtney Campbell & Bonnie DeVaughn

The Faculty Spotlight this week is on Mrs. Carin Hughes. Mrs. Hughes has been teaching at the Coffee County Vocational Center and NBHS for 1 1/2 years since 1993. She teaches Business Computer Applications, Advanced Keyboarding, Office Procedures, Word Processing, and Introductions to Keyboarding for 7th through 12th grade. She is also FBLA sponsor and Systems Operator. Mrs. Hughes attended Troy State University for three years. She received the Bachelor of Science in Business Education and the Masters of Education in Business Education from Auburn University. She graduated Summa Cum Laude. Mrs. Hughes taught one semester at Benjamin Russell High School in Alexander City before coming to New Brockton.

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Vaughan terminated by Elba City Council

By Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council voted Monday night to uphold Mayor Ricky Haywood's action earlier in the day terminating City Attorney Mark Vaughan.

Haywood told council members he was not pleased with the quality of legal services the city was getting. He said Vaughan had asked Vaughan to resign and when he didn't, wrote him a letter terminating him as of noon Monday. The mayor asked the council to support his action.

A motion by Council member Ben Carpenter to uphold the mayor's action was approved with only council member John W. Sharpless opposing.

The mayor told council members of the telephone conversation he had had with Vaughan at 9:15 Monday morning. He quoted Vaughan as saying he would not resign but neither would there be any legal ramifications if the council chose to terminate his services.

No new name was proposed to serve as city attorney, however Haywood said he hoped to have a recommendation by the next council meeting. Meanwhile, if there is any need for court appearances or other motions, the council approved sending

legal services, the mayor explained he would get an attorney on a temporary basis to represent the city's interest.

The council heard, and accepted, an offer of \$300 for the vacant property at the corner of Adkinson Street and Newton Street. The property is owned by the city and is currently being used for parking and future expansion.

Council member Earl McCollough, who has not voted to sell any city owned real estate during his three years in office, abstained.

Elba has gained title to this property with federal funds from an urban renewal grant, some 10 or 12 years ago.

Police Chief Bruce Peacock reported the department had received 196 calls in the past two weeks. They filed 14 offense reports and made six criminal arrests. Eleven traffic tickets were issued, including six for speeding and one for parking in a handicapped zone.

After much discussion and two motions, the council approved sending

ing the chief to a three day police management school in Orlando, Florida. The cost is \$597, plus travel, lodging and food.

Opposing the trip and the expenditure were council members Sharpless and Carpenter.

The chief asked for and received approval for a \$632 purchase order to buy practice ammunition for the semi-annual weapons qualifying of all police officers.

Peacock introduced the two last hired police officers and one of the two new trained dog and patrol dogs.

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FIRST TO RESERVE SPACE...Kelley Foods of Alabama was one of the first businesses to reserve space at the Home, Farm and Garden Show scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, February 17 & 18, at the Coffee County Farm Center Complex in New Brockton. Businesses providing products or services related to the home, farm, and garden are invited to have booths at the show. Display spaces are currently available for \$110 and sales spaces are \$160. Only businesses with offices in Coffee County will be allowed to have booths. There will be entertainment throughout the week-end as well as concessions and door prizes. Last year, over \$70,000 in prizes, including \$1,000 in cash, were given away. The show is open to the public free-of-charge; however, donations will be accepted at the door to raise money to purchase a new stage for the farm center complex. Pictured above are (l-r) seated - Jim Sparrow, chairman of the H&FG Show; Hollis Kelley, Kelley's; Everett Kelley, Kelley's; Barbara Hixson, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce; standing - Sandra Coffey, Coffee County Extension Office; Scott Kelley, Kelley's; Eddie Kelley, Kelley's; Dwight Kelley, Kelley's; Herby McCall, president of the Elba Chamber of Commerce; and Kathleen Sauer, Enterprise Chamber of Commerce. The group is looking over plans for the Home, Farm and Garden Show.

County Commission's meeting near record

by Marvin McLewin - Editor

Members of the Coffee County Commission almost set a record during their meeting last Monday morning.

Commissioners zipped through their agenda (general business session) in approximately thirty minutes. Only one other time in recent months has there been a shorter meeting.

There were no carry-over items (old business) listed on the meeting agenda and only one item of new business.

Mrs. Mary Helen Cannon was scheduled to present a preliminary subdivision plat for the commission's approval; however, Coffee County Engineer Randy Tindell reported that she lacked additional information from the engineering firm doing design work.

The proposed subdivision is located on Co.Rd. 651 in the south-eastern portion of the county.

The majority of the meeting Monday centered around the county engineer's report.

Tindell reported that he hoped by noon Monday, the county would be "Opal free." He was referring to the damage caused by Hurricane Opal in October '95.

He noted that all DSR's (Damage Survey Reports) have been inspected and his department is awaiting the final audit by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) personnel.

Tindell told commissioners that two NRCS (Natural Resource Conservation Service) sites were presently being handled by private contractors.

At about the time Richardson's body was discovered, his wife was at the Elba Police Department filing a missing person report.

According to reports, Richardson was part of a roofing crew that was working in the subdivision. He had left the job site to go to a nearby store for refreshments and did not return. The area where Richardson's body was found was not too far from where he had been working.

Although no foul play is suspected in Richardson's death, an autopsy was ordered by the District Attorney to determine the cause of death.

The incident is being investigated by the Enterprise Police Department, assisted by the Coffee County Sheriff's Department, District Attorney's Office, and the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences.

Authorities are looking for the culprit(s) who slaughtered two head of registered charolais calves. Only the shoulders and hind quarters were removed and the remaining carcasses were left at the scene. The incident occurred just off Coffee County Road 423 in Covington County between Jan. 16-21. Anyone having any information should call the Covington County Sheriff's Dept. at (334)222-3148 or Frank Chirico at (334)894-5535. A \$1,000 reward is being offered by the owner for any information leading to an arrest(s) and conviction(s).

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